

Dear Mr. Hersk Kowitz,

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Open letter to:  
Federal Election Commission  
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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you in regard to a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission on March 20, 2000 against the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD). This complaint was filed by Pat Buchanan and the Reform Party. They accuse the CPD of conspiring to keep a monopoly hammerlock on the Presidency. They do this by keeping everyone out of the debates but Democrats and Republicans. They are not a government agency like the FEC and have no right or authority to set any criteria for the Reform Party. I understand that Congress and the Federal Election Commission certified the Reform Party as an established and legal national party in 1997 with the exact same rights and privileges as the Democrats and Republicans, including federal funding.

If you remember, in the election of 1996 this rigged commission was highly successful in keeping the American people from hearing Ross Perot and the Reform Party in the national debates. Now on Jan. 6, 2000 the CPD is once again engaged in an illegal conspiracy against the American people and the now certified Reform Party. They have the boldness and the audacity to declare that the Reform Party must get 15% of five phony, rigged polls this coming Fall. Anyone knows polls can be rigged and maneuvered any way you want them. It all depends on how you ask the question. I also wonder how they arrived at that absurdly high 15% figure. Could it be because only three men, Teddy Roosevelt, Robert La Follette and Ross Perot ever reached that lofty figure in the last hundred years? It takes 5% to become a recognized, national party and 5% to receive federal funding. Why not 5% to be included in the national debates???

If Buchanan is kept out of the debates, like Perot was muzzled in 96, then the American people will know for a certainty that the CPD is truly a bipartisan, Republican commission and the American election is a fraud and a sham.

In all fairness to millions of Americans we urge you to rule in favor of Buchanan and the Reform Party. Allow Pat on that stage with Bush and Gore. We are an established, national party with federal funding from taxpayer money and we have as much right on that podium as the Democrats and Republicans. I believe most all Americans are fair minded people and would agree with this, no matter what their politics. We hope you, too, will be fair minded in this most important matter.

Very Respectfully,

Kenneth J. Howard

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